

A Resolution to Rejoin the CPTPP

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States withdrew from the Comprehensive and Progressive
2 Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership on January 23, 2017; and
3 **WHEREAS,** this withdrawal costs the United States billions of dollars and access to
4 several international markets; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has an obligation to protect its farmers',
6 business-owners', and producers' economic interests; and
7 **WHEREAS,** the CPTPP fosters free trade; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States join
9 the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific
10 Partnership

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Oswego High School .

A Bill to Combat Period Poverty

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: In order to reduce period poverty, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) will be expanded to accommodate feminine hygiene products. In the status quo, many Americans are unable to afford adequate menstrual products, and low income Americans aren't currently able to purchase period hygiene products with SNAP food stamps. This would greatly increase access to menstrual products for low income Americans.

Section 2: Period poverty is defined as the lack of access to menstrual products. SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, also known as food stamps.

Section 3: This will be enacted and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, since SNAP is under the USDA.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect January 1st, 2021.

Section 5: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby null and void.

Submitted by Oregon City High School

A Bill to Increase Spending on Career and Technical Education (CTE)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Education shall increase spending on Career
2 Technical Education (CTE) between High Schools using a grant proposal
3 program.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Career and technical education is a term applied to educational programs
5 that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies,
6 and career preparation.
7 High School refers to public institutions built to support the K-12 program,
8 specifically grades 9-12.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.
10 A. The Funding will be achieved by implementing a 3% tax on College
11 Endowments on volumes that exceed the initial 10 Billion USD.
12 B. The Funding will be distributed through a grant application process
13 where High Schools may submit proposals to the Department of
14 Education requesting specific funding to initiate, augment, or maintain
15 CTE programs. The US Department will then grant as much money as it
16 deems appropriate. This will continue until the Fund is depleted for
17 that year.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect July 1st, 2021
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Abolish all Political Ads on Social Media Platforms

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
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3. **Section 1.** All Political ads on any social media platforms such as Facebook,
4. Twitter, Instagram, etc. will be abolished.
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6. **Section 2.** Social Media platforms are defined as any apps or websites that
7. allow you to communicate with people via text and/or posts as its main purpose.
8. This does not include any application that doesn't have this as a main purpose,
9. such as video games.
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11. **Section 3.** The Federal Communications Commision will be the government
12. agency that administers and enforces this bill
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14. **Section 4.** This bill will be implemented April 30th, 2020
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16. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
17. void

Respectfully Submitted,

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Allow the State of Ukraine to Enter the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT: The
2 United States of America shall invite the state of Ukraine along with the
3 sovereign area of Crimea to NATO, where pre-existing members will vote if the
4 state of Ukraine and Crimea shall be commenced as a NATO member.
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6 WHEREAS The United States of America shall allow the State of Ukraine along 7 with the Sovereign State of
Crimea to join NATO
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9 WHEREAS The United States of America and other NATO members should
10 oblige with The Federation of Russia in order to set up free and fair elections 11 in Crimea to both begin a fair
Republic and allow citizens to vote on NATO
12 membership
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14 WHEREAS All NATO members shall vote on whether or not the State of
15 Crimea shall join NATO
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17 WHEREAS NATO requirements will have to be passed by the Sovereign
18 State of Crimea and the State of Ukraine
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20 WHEREAS NATO and The Federation of Russia shall dispute land in Crimea
20 in order to reach a fair and just decision on where the borders shall be
21 drawn
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23 THEREFOR The Congress here assembled shall continue to push forward in
24 creating a free and fair Eastern Europe

Introduced for congressional debate by: G James Beard of Beaverton High School

A Bill to Give Convicted Felons The Right to Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All adults in the United States who have been convicted of a crime will regain their right to vote in federal, state, and local elections.

SECTION 2. An adult in the United States is defined as any U.S citizen over 18 years of age

SECTION 3. The Federal Elections Commission will enforce this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on 1 November 2020.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oregon City High School

A Bill to Ban Corporal Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Corporal punishment will hereby be banned in all public schools.
2. **SECTION 2.** Corporal punishment is defined as the willful infliction of, or willfully causing
3. the infliction of, physical pain on a student. Corporal punishment does not
4. include the emergency use of reasonable physical force by a school
5. administrator, teacher, school employee, or volunteer as necessary to maintain
6. order or to prevent a student from harming him/herself, other students, and
7. school staff or property. Corporal punishment does not include physical pain
8. or discomfort resulting from or caused by:
 9. **(a)** Training for or participation in athletic competition voluntarily
 10. engaged in by a student;
 11. **(b)** Recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student; **and**
 12. **(c)** Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher directed
 13. class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical
 14. education exercises, field trips, or vocational education projects
15. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
16. bill. Any state found not to be in compliance will forfeit all federal education
17. funding.
18. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by

Delegate Janes

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A Resolution to Reform the United States' National Education System

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' education system is continuously failing millions of
2 young adolescents and children;

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States is falling further behind in standardized test scores;

4 **WHEREAS,** Students are struggling to succeed in school and thus the national average
5 graduation rate is catastrophically low;

6 **WHEREAS,** Other countries, such as Finland, have vastly different education systems
7 and are flourishing in their graduation rates and standardized test scores;
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin the effort to reform U.S.
10 education and better foster the growth of young children and adolescents.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoe Carver, Wilson High School.

A Bill for Justice Reinvestment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1:** The United States Federal Government will allocate 1 billion dollars from
2 the Department of defense to a study in the Department of Justice to
3 lower recidivism rates
- 4 **SECTION 2:** Recidivism Rates shall be defined as: A measurement of the rate at which
5 offenders commit other crimes, either by arrest or conviction baselines,
6 after being released from incarceration.
- 7 **SECTION 3:** This bill will be overseen by Office of Management--the budget will be
8 overseen by the Department of defense and the Department of Justice
- 9 **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect no later than the date of January 1st, 2021.
- 10 **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ethan Eisner, Wilson High School.

Mental Health Assistance Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The National Mental Health Assistance Program (NMHAP) shall be
3. established on October 10th, 2020.
4. **SECTION 2.** NMHAP shall be a mental health assistance program available for
5. any hospital, school, retirement center, or any institution that
6. gives/wants to give mental health care.
7. **SUBSECTION 2.1.** NMHAP will be led by a board of five people, who
8. are experts in the Mental Health field of study, as
9. the head committee.
10. **SUBSECTION 2.2.** NMHAP will be both a resource of information and
11. a resource for treatment for all mental illnesses.
12. **SECTION 4.** All medical professionals, educators, or caregivers must go
13. through a mandatory 6-week course before being certified by
14. NMHAP to give assistance (This course is to be determined by the
15. committee in Subsection 1.1). Professionals working on behalf of
16. NMHAP must have this certification.
17. **SECTION 5.** NMHAP shall be run by the US Department of Health
18. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
19. and void.

English Language Instruction Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Every State that mandates a four years worth of credits in English
3. Language Instruction to earn a high school diploma shall be given a
4. \$10,000,000 grant by the United States Department of Education.
5. **SECTION 2.** English Language Instruction shall be defined as the subjects (such as
6. reading, spelling, literature, composition etc.) that aim to develop a
7. student's comprehension and capacity for use of written and oral English
8. Language communication.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be in charge of
10. enforcing this bill, and will provide additional funding to all State
11. Departments of Education when and where necessary.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill's deadline for full enforcement must be before the 2021-2022
13. academic year. States must apply for the grant before their school year
14. begins in order to be eligible.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in opposition to this bill are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Regulate Class Size in Elementary Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** In the US there will be no more than 24 students in a classroom
2 with only one teacher and no more than 34 in a classroom with multiple
3 teachers during instructional time in elementary schools. This bill will
4 be enacted for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 5 **Section 2.** Elementary school is referring to grades pre-kindergarten through 5th
6 Grade. Instructional time is referring to anytime in the school day that is
7 not recreation or lunch. Funding for section 1 will come from 0.14%
8 withdrawal of the United States' military budget each year. All extra
9 funds will go
10 to the education system to provide learning materials and supplies.
- 10 **Section 3.** The Department of Education, individual school districts and individual
11 public elementary schools will partner to regulate class sizes.
- 12 **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect on July 31, 2020.
- 13 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Abolish the VA and Incorporate Veterans Into Medicare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will be abolished. A new
2 **1** Medicare Plus plan will be created under the current Medicare system
3 to incorporate and expand veterans benefits by opening veteran
4 healthcare access to any hospital or insurance system. All current VA
5 hospitals except those in war zones will be shut down and sold to the
6 highest bidder in the private sector. In non-emergency situations, the
 consumer must be given a cost estimate before treatment.
- 7 Section 2 The Medicare Plus Plan will provide the same disability percent
8 coverage which the VA current has. The Medicare Plus Plan will
9 provide reimbursements to healthcare providers at an equivalent rate
10 to private plans and will account for physician and hospital quality.
11 Under the Medicare Plus Plan, veterans will also be open to choose
12 different health plans and all physicians.
- 13 Section 3 Funding for this bill shall redirected from the previous Department of
14 Veterans Affairs budget to the Medicare budget. The transfer of
15 resources and funding necessary shall overseen through collaboration
16 between the Department of Health and Human Resources and the
17 Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 18 Section 4 This bill shall be implemented by January 1st, 2021.
- 19 Section 5 All other laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

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